

Davenport
Department of Community Development
Iowa Office of Historic Preservation
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DAVENPORT

SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-MM-118 MAP NUMBER
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Thomas C. Wilkinson House
ADDRESS 118⁷ McManus



LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Com at NW cor of NE ¼ sec 33-78-3-S on ¼ Sec/L
871.2' to Pt on E/L of McManus St-S 31D15' E on
E/L of McManus St 122.18'-N 58D30' E 200-N (con
ACREAGE ap. 1 ZONE R4D UTM 15/698610 4599060

OWNER TITLE H

Michael Thompson
118 McManus
Davenport, Iowa 52807

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Italian Villa DATE c. 1860

FORM 2 stories; front-gable L-plan main block with three-stage square entrance tower in re-entrant angle; two-story, hipped-roofed additions on north (rear) and west, with 1-story little room in northwest re-entrant angle

MATERIALS frame construction on rockfaced stone foundation; narrow clapboards on side and rear elevations; front elevation faced with wide, beveled plank siding with mitred corners

FENESTRATION main block: 6/6 d.h.s. on sides; front has two round-arched windows at each story, the lower ones taller than those above, with wooden muntins; west rear wing has paired 1/1 sash below shared transoms with leaded "bull's-eye" glass at second story level, with a triple sash window set within an elliptical arch at first floor level; north wing has 1/1 d.h.s., also some stained glass edging a fixed-sash window at first story; 1-story oriel at main floor level on east side has bull's-eye glass transom above plate glass window

FEATURES (see fenestration); bracketted cornice on main block and west wing; entrance porch has spindle frieze, wrought-iron deck railing; just above ground level on front (opened into basement wall) are two large circular windows

ALTERATIONS third stage of tower reworked; new steps and platform for main entrance porch; original main entrance partly sealed off, with narrower door; fenestration in west wing appears to be turn of the century, suggesting this wing may have been added after original construction

SITE large, shaded lot well above street level; house set well back; circular brick walk, possibly early 1900's, in front of house

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE This is one of a limited number of gabled Villa-style houses recorded in the Davenport survey. Noteworthy features include some fine windows; porch roof cresting; porch millwork; and the very curious large round windows in the basement (which appear to be, although not fully confirmed, original). Of interest, too, is the way the main, "public" facade is covered with matched, beveled siding, as though to suggest ashlar

(CON'T)

HISTORICAL DATA

Available published evidence indicates a construction date perhaps as early as 1858; it may be that additional research plus a more detailed physical investigation of the house could reveal either a later date, or perhaps additions to an original structure. According to currently known information, the house was built for Thomas C. Wilkinson for his retirement. Wilkinson came to Davenport in 1854 after 10 years as a bricklayer in St. Louis. He settled on "Rose Hill Farm" with his wife, Ellen McManus Atkinson, daughter of Judge James McManus who lived on a farmstead to the east. Thomas Wilkinson committed suicide at the house on Christmas Eve, 1876.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES History of Davenport and Scott County, Iowa. Chicago: Inter-State Publishing Co., 1882, pp. 1078-79

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE incident
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT fair FABRIC good
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE yes

PHOTO ID 1761-12,13,14

Martha H. Bowers, Architectural Historian

Marlys Svendsen, Historian

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1 DATE RECEIVED _____

2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

	A ARCHITECTURAL	B HISTORICAL
ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

A STATE REVIEW COMM	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____
B FEDERAL REVIEW	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____

4 DHP SOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> DEL OF ELIGIBILITY
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5 SUBJECT TRACES

6 PHOTO

Legal Description continued:

31D15' W 122.2'-S 58 D48' W 200' to Pt of Beg.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (con't)

construction (though without vertical joints), while the rest of the house is clad in the more common narrow clapboarding.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Wilkinson, Thomas C., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Davenport MRA

STATE & COUNTY: IOWA, Scott

DATE RECEIVED: 5/17/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/30/04
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 84001592

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Accepted

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 6/28/04

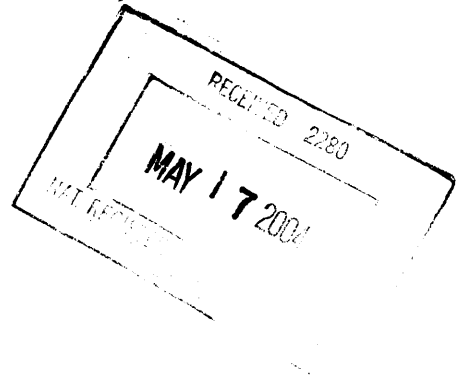
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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A Division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

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Carol Shull, Chief
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye Street, N.W.-- 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

It has been brought to our attention that the address on the following National Register nomination needs to be changed from 118 McManus Street to 117 McManus Street.

Wilkinson Thomas C. House, Davenport, Scott County, Iowa

Sincerely,

Lowell Soike, DSHPO & Chief
Community Programs Bureau